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## **SECURITY MEASURES AT WATERFRONT FACILITIES**

In light of the tragic events of September 11, 2001, the threat of terrorist attacks on the American transportation systems has become a growing concern. Our Marine Transportation System is vital to the nation's economic well-being and its security warrants our utmost attention. My office conducted Physical Security Risk Assessment Surveys this spring at marine transportation related waterfront facilities throughout our area of responsibility and have recently conducted numerous follow-up surveys. These surveys were used to assess potential threats, vulnerabilities, and consequences of criminal or terrorist acts. I would like to take this opportunity to point out vulnerabilities observed and urge you to take immediate and appropriate action to increase your security posture.

- Ensure your facility complies with all the applicable requirements of 33 CFR 154.
- Ensure your facility has a written, updated Physical Security Plan.
- Designate a Facility Security Officer in writing.
- Ensure your facility has perimeter fencing to prevent unauthorized entry onto the facility and access to the storage tanks.
- Use security forces or intrusion detection systems if warranted.
- Establish a liaison with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies within your community.
- Control personnel and vehicle movement within your facility.
- Ensure your facility has adequate protective lighting installed.
- Implement an employee security education program.
- Ensure employees familiarize themselves with the facility Physical Security Plan and Response Plan.

I view the current heightened terrorist threat conditions as serious and warranting a careful evaluation of the physical security of all facilities. I urge you to conduct an internal review of your facility's security procedures and measures.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact my representative, Lieutenant Junior Grade Kevin Floyd, at (502) 582-5194 ext. 39.

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